

**Health & Family Committee  
Regular Meeting  
January 21, 2003-1:00 p.m.  
Tribal Office Board Room**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Vice-Chairman Jerry Waukau called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Those present: Mary Husby, Ellen Burr and Richard Loudbear. Committee Chairman Gary Besaw and Duane Waukau were absent. Also present for the meeting was Pat Roberts, Wayne Pecore and Norbert Sturdevant.

**2. Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

**3. Approve Minutes Dated December 5th and December 17th 2002-**

**Motion made by Mary Husby to approve the minutes dated December 17, 2002.**

**Motion was seconded by Ellen Burr. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Ellen Burr to approve the minutes dated December 5, 2002. Motion was seconded by Richard Loudbear. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 2-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Husby). Motion carried.**

**4. General Assistance Program Discussion-**

General Assistance Program Director Wayne Pecore was present to ask the committee for a recommendation. Wayne informed the committee that a few months ago when then Budget & Finance Committee were discussing the budget, they made a recommendation (which was approved by the Legislature) to put a freeze on any new clients to the program. Wayne stated that several people are wanting to get on the program and with the restriction, he has to basically turn people away. Since the restriction started Wayne has been taking the names and numbers of potential clients and telling them he would let them know when the program opens up again. Currently the list is at about 60 people waiting to get on the program.

Committee discussed the issue and didn't know whether or not the issue had to go to the Budget & Finance Committee since they made the first recommendation. Since the General Assistance Program is required to report to the Health & Family Committee, the committee decided to agree with Wayne's recommendation as long as his budget can handle the new clients.

**Motion made by Mary Husby to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that the previous restriction of not allowing new clients to the General Assistance Program be lifted and that Wayne Pecore be allowed to let new clients into the program. Motion was seconded by Ellen Burr. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**5. Food Distribution Discussion-**

Food Distribution Director Pat Roberts was present to discuss with the committee a recommendation that they made at the December 5, 2002 committee meeting wanting her to work with Program Attorney John Wilhelmi on changing their policy to allow Menominee descendents to be eligible for the program as long as they are in the service area.

John Wilhelmi was not present for the meeting and committee members want Pat to do some additional research on the issue and come back to the next meeting.

**6. Oral Report from Maehnowesekiyah-**

Maehnowesekiyah Director Richard Loudbear gave a brief report. Mary Husby asked questions of Richard about programs within Maehnowesekiyah and Richard did not know the answers. Richard explained that he is still new to the Department. Mary stated that the programs she inquired about are very important to her and the Social Services Program and would appreciate that Richard be more prepared to give reports in the future.

7. **Review Monthly Written Reports/Community Meeting Minutes-**

Committee reviewed the reports that were given to them. No action was taken on the reports.

Richard Loudbear was called out of the meeting to Tribal Administration and did not return.

8. **Health Administrator's Report/Jerry Waukau-**

Jerry stated that the person who was to come to the meeting to request dental privileges did not show up and this is the second time he asked to be on the agenda.

Jerry explained that since he can't vote on the Clinic action items, there isn't enough committee members available and the issues will have to be dealt with at the next meeting. Committee members asked if there was any pressing issues and Jerry explained that the staff credentialing & privileging appointments need to be taken care of but he is sure that no one will expire as long as the issue is acted on at the next meeting.

9. **Other Business-**

Norbert Sturdevant was present and informed the committee members that he was extremely upset that Committee Chairman Gary Besaw was not present for the meeting. Norbert stated that the Legislature made a motion that Gary Besaw work with Norbert on coming up with a plan for a homeless shelter. Committee members asked why he needs to come up with a new homeless shelter when the Tribe already has one (Eagles Nest Homeless Shelter). Norbert stated that he would like to see the Tribe have a shelter that doesn't have so many rules and restrictions like the Eagles Nest has.

Vice-Chair Jerry Waukau stated that he will talk to Chairman Besaw to see if the issue needs to be placed on the next agenda.

10. **Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Ellen Burr to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mary Husby. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 2-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services